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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Sir, it is stated in the answer to (c) that the Finance Committee asked for certain information on the 3rd March 1927. May I know why there has been this long delay in supplying the information and when it is likely to be furnished to the Committee ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Part of the information, as I already said, has been supplied. A great deal of the information they have asked for is a matter for the Commissioner for Excise to work out in detail, necessarily a thing in which he could not give an offhand reply but has to consult his officers."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" Is it likely that the hon. Minister will take two years more till his term runs out, for furnishing this information ? "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister applied for appropriating any portion of the remitted amount to be used as compensation against the possible loss of revenue if prohibition is introduced ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" I am sorry I cannot give the information."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Then may I take it, Sir, that when the hon. Minister said that the Government did not propose utilizing the amount, it was his individual view, or may I know whether it was the opinion of the Cabinet ? "

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I do not think that the question can be put in that form."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether it is the intention of the Government not to begin prohibition until they levy new taxes ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" I cannot answer that, Sir. The whole question is under consideration."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" Including the attempt to levy new taxes ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" I am sorry I cannot answer that."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the utilization of the remitted contribution either wholly or in part is under consideration for this purpose ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" I think, Sir, I have made matters clear. The whole thing is under the consideration of the Government. As the whole thing is confidential, I am not in a position to answer the question."

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Milk account in the Royapetta Hospital.

* 752 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have looked into the milk account and inspection newly introduced in the Royapetta Hospital;

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(b) whether there is any improvement in the quality of milk now supplied to the patients; and

(c) whether they propose to introduce the same system in the General Hospital?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Milk of good quality has always been supplied to the patients.

(c) The same system has been in vogue in the General Hospital, Madras, for many years.

Rao Bahadur C. S Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether a similar system is adopted in the mufassal as that which obtains in the Royapetta and General Hospitals?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"I should like to have notice of the question."

Unani Assistant for the Government School of Indian Medicine.

*753 Q.—Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government advertised for the post of a Unani Assistant for the Government School of Indian Medicine and if so, in what papers and on how many occasions;

(b) how many applications were received for the said post and whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table a tabulated statement of the applications received with their qualifications and other particulars;

(c) whether the Government have made the appointment and if so, who is the candidate appointed and what reasons led to this particular candidate alone being appointed;

(d) whether he satisfied himself as to the competency of the candidate for the post before appointing him to the same, and if not, on what basis the appointment was made;

(e) whether it is not a fact that the said newly appointed Unani Assistant does not hold any diploma from any recognized Unani College or School and that he has not undergone any regular course even under any recognized and reputed unani hakeem in Madras or outside and also that he was not an active and practising hakeem at the time of his appointment;

(f) whether there has been any advisory committee appointed for the selection of the Unani Assistant, and if so, the persons who constituted the said committee;

(g) whether it is not a fact that at least one member of the committee is not a practising unani hakeem at all but only styles himself as such;

(h) whether it is not a fact that the recommendation of the said advisory committee was not based on any recognized method or principle of selection but purely on individual patronage; and

(i) whether the Government will be pleased to reconsider the appointment and take necessary early steps to put the out-patient department in the hands of a competent and qualified Unani Assistant?